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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Crop Progress as of June 7, 2015

(in percent)

**Fair Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work last week. Temperatures for the state were reported an average of 62(°F), with a high of 92(°F) and a low of 33(°F). Things cooled down a bit last week and some desperately needed rains paid a visit state wide. While a welcome boon to most, there were reports of poor drainage and crop flooding from Erie, Juniata and Snyder counties. In Lancaster county, heavy rains eroded soil in freshly worked fields. Recent cuttings of hay, now wet, are expected to suffer some quality. Apples and peaches continue to be thinned with apple quality appearing particularly promising. When weather allowed, field activities included spraying, planting corn and soybeans as well as cutting hay and haylage.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 7, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	18	73	6
SUBSOIL	2	18	75	5

### Crop Conditions as of June 7, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES	0	0	1	46	53	95	91	N/A	N/A
BARLEY	0	4	11	45	40	89	87	N/A	N/A
CHERRIES	3	0	6	28	63	92	88	N/A	N/A
CORN	0	1	12	74	13	90	80	69	71
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	31	48	20	71	65	57	69
HAY, OTHER	0	5	18	52	25	48	44	34	46
OATS	2	2	13	65	18	11	6	6	N/A
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	3	28	46	18	71	65	57	69
PEACHES	1	0	1	44	54	48	44	34	46
POTATOES	0	0	86	14	0	84	75	72	76
SOYBEANS	0	3	15	68	14	84	75	72	76
TOBACCO	0	1	7	85	6	84	75	72	76
WINTER WHEAT	0	1	15	68	16	71	55	46	51
APPLES: PINK						95	91	N/A	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM						89	87	N/A	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL						76	76	N/A	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET						62	46	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED						93	91	94	97
BARLEY: COLORING						76	53	65	76
CHERRIES: GREEN TIP						92	88	N/A	N/A
CHERRIES: FULL BLOOM						88	85	N/A	N/A
CHERRIES: PETAL FALL						69	67	N/A	N/A
CORN: EMERGED						90	80	69	71
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT						11	6	6	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING						71	65	57	69
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING						48	44	34	46
SOYBEANS: PLANTED						84	75	72	76
SOYBEANS: EMERGED						71	55	46	51
OATS: HEADED						11	<5	10	20
PEACHES: PINK						90	87	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM						87	86	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: PETAL FALL						81	79	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FRUIT SET						62	44	N/A	N/A
POTATOES: PLANTED						90	69	70	N/A
TOBACCO						73	66	64	82
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED						90	83	80	94
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING						16	5	17	22

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## June 7, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	79	44	59	-4	1.14	3	8.81	-0.28	35	506	+160	1053
	Erie	80	46	60	-5	0.91	1	6.77	-0.91	29	582	+173	1118
	Franklin_AG	82	47	61	-3	1.56	2	10.12	+1.60	35	576	+192	1140
	Meadville-Port	79	45	61	-2	1.61	1	8.98	+0.90	29	621	+282	1194
	Springboro	79	44	58	-6	0.51	2	9.72	+2.20	38	465	+115	978
	Titusville	83	42	61	-1	2.07	2	9.36	+0.49	24	420	+121	949
	Warren	80	43	59	-5	1.35	3	8.64	-0.15	35	502	+148	1039
North Central	Bradford_Region	76	36	57	-3	0.82	3	7.52	-1.15	34	436	+184	939
	Coudersport_1SW	79	33	57	-4	1.76	4	9.49	+1.41	31	382	+88	860
	Kane	76	37	57	-1	1.37	3	8.87	-0.22	32	418	+212	899
	Laporte	73	44	58	-4	0.57	6	8.28	+0.15	35	423	+138	921
	Lock_Haven	81	43	63	-2	2.03	4	8.41	+0.40	25	636	+203	1219
	Oswayo	79	39	57	-4	0.90	3	6.80	-0.79	34	375	+124	864
	Renovo	83	42	62	-3	3.52	3	10.22	+2.53	28	592	+144	1168
	Ridgway	78	39	60	-1	2.15	3	10.28	+1.46	33	467	+204	992
	Stevenson_Dam	80	40	60	-3	3.00	3	10.98	+2.80	28	497	+148	1036
	Towanda	80	43	60	-4	0.63	4	9.36	+2.10	30	533	+163	1075
	Wellsboro	79	38	57	-4	1.09	3	7.79	+1.24	30	419	+168	925
	Williamsport_AP	80	46	65	-2	1.24	5	8.05	-0.23	31	741	+274	1335
Northeast	Hawley	78	42	59	-4	1.80	4	6.88	-1.86	25	436	+150	961
	Milanville	76	40	57	-5	0.75	3	5.98	-2.76	28	472	+186	992
	Susquehanna	77	41	58	-5	0.32	2	7.39	-1.59	29	467	+129	998
	Wilkes-Barre	82	47	64	-2	1.20	3	5.75	-2.13	24	731	+274	1319
West Central	Butler	81	46	61	-3	0.70	2	7.74	-0.97	32	552	+196	1114
	New_Castle_Ag	83	49	62	-3	1.93	3	9.49	+1.80	34	647	+229	1242
	Slippery_Rock	83	48	62	+1	0.59	3	7.52	-0.88	33	640	+332	1220
Central	Altoona_AP	85	47	62	-3	1.13	4	5.69	-2.33	29	669	+207	1258
	Du_Bois	79	46	62	-1	0.63	2	6.63	-1.79	30	663	+311	1242
	Elizabethville	90	48	66	0	1.40	4	7.19	-1.32	24	707	+258	1310
	Lewistown	87	47	64	-2	2.11	5	6.95	-1.48	30	697	+204	1302
	Middletown	90	54	67	-2	2.05	4	6.62	-2.31	22	878	+272	1506
	Prince_Gallitzi	82	41	60	-4	0.88	3	7.13	-0.74	30	555	+186	1122
	Selinsgrove_2S	86	50	64	-2	2.31	4	6.45	-2.06	26	637	+188	1222
	State_College_P	83	47	61	-4	0.67	4	7.22	-0.62	31	627	+199	1212
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	88	50	64	-2	2.59	3	4.81	-4.13	21	752	+283	1357
	Lehighton	76	47	61	-3	2.87	4	6.87	-3.01	23	581	+204	1159
	Mt_Pocono	77	40	58	-2	3.49	4	7.79	-2.28	25	486	+269	1028
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	83	48	64	-1	1.04	3	7.73	-0.30	32	792	+377	1409
	Chalk_Hill	82	51	63	+1	0.84	5	8.75	-2.63	36	620	+240	1223
	Connellsville_A	86	53	66	+1	0.33	3	8.04	-1.03	33	724	+253	1341
	Indiana_3SE	84	46	62	-3	0.17	2	8.78	-0.58	34	557	+116	1140
	Meyersdale	80	45	60	-2	0.64	4	6.62	-3.08	32	448	+127	988
	Pittsburgh_Intl	83	48	64	-3	0.02	1	6.30	-1.42	27	788	+286	1406
	Waynesburg	83	50	63	-2	0.46	5	8.24	-0.07	32	655	+219	1251
South Central	Biglerville	89	52	64	-2	2.06	4	7.93	-1.06	21	766	+309	1385
	Everett	83	46	63	-2	0.52	4	7.05	-1.12	30	503	+94	1066
	Hanover	88	50	63	-5	2.11	6	7.26	-0.85	27	722	+124	1339
	Harrisburg_AP	89	54	66	-3	2.17	4	7.67	-1.26	22	837	+231	1457
	South_Mountain	82	47	60	-7	1.50	5	6.83	-3.43	27	562	-20	1139
	York_AP	88	49	65	-4	2.75	5	7.40	-1.42	21	740	+143	1346
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	89	49	62	-8	1.85	5	4.45	-5.11	19	700	+67	1307
	Green_Lane	87	50	62	-4	2.03	3	5.11	-3.71	18	702	+232	1311
	Hamburg	86	49	62	-5	1.98	3	7.15	-2.35	22	697	+189	1296
	Lancaster_AP	90	52	65	-3	1.69	4	4.89	-3.63	22	750	+209	1361
	Neshaminy_Falls	80	49	62	-6	2.56	4	6.67	-3.10	19	751	+213	1371
	New_Holland	81	51	63	-4	2.16	4	4.81	-4.84	23	814	+344	1447
	Philadelphia_AP	92	53	67	-3	2.45	5	7.28	-0.87	22	962	+289	1613
	Philadelphia_NE	92	52	65	-3	2.09	4	5.74	-4.03	19	928	+390	1572
	Reading_AP	90	51	65	-3	2.11	3	4.48	-4.77	17	813	+256	1429
	Sellersville	89	45	60	-7	3.41	3	6.20	-3.65	18	625	+125	1215
West_Chester	90	50	64	-4	2.17	4	5.64	-3.61	24	710	+149	1306	

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **ADAMS County, Judy A. Behney**

Adams County had a wet week this week with very little field work done. Various amounts of rainfall throughout the county. Sun/Mon York Springs received 1 ¼ inches from two thunderstorms and some hail, Monday night into Tuesday morning York Springs received 2 inches and 70 degrees, Tuesday 50 morning temperatures with drizzle and cloudy and got into 60's, Wednesday morning 57 degrees and cloudy 0.5" and into the 60's, Thursday cloudy/drizzle in the 60's. Friday morning 57 and cloudy till lunchtime and the sun finally came out for the first time all week. Corn and soybeans previously planted are emerging with the rainfall we received this week however there are fields that have standing water in them also. Soil needs to dry out before any more corn and soybeans can be planted. No hay was made this week as conditions did not permit. Wheat and barley are looking pretty good for the most part. Some hay and pasture hay was lodged due to heavy rainfall. Fruit crops continue to grow. The thunderstorms past week have had some areas that had hail and damaged the fruit but is sporadic as to location. Producers are concerned with the rain we have been receiving as this does not help to control diseases such as Scab, Fire Blight etc. Producers are carefully watching weather conditions and their fruit crops. Strawberries are being harvested in the county. The rain affected some of the berries. Other vegetables are being harvested in the county also. Overall the producers are grateful for the rainfall but are concerned where water is standing and the need of some heat and sunshine to help all of the crops. Producers are reminded to report their spring planted small grains and spring seeded forage crops before the June 15<sup>th</sup> Farm Service Agency deadline.

### **ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr**

Rain finally ...1.5 inches and then cloudy days. After 6 weeks of less than an inch and watching storms go around, this was a "Million Dollar" rain.

### **ADAMS County, Lee Showalter**

Hand thinning of peaches continues where needed. Chemical thinning of apples is basically complete with generally good results. Apples appear to have a good crop and the fruit is growing rapidly.

### **ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz**

Hay making and herbicide applications are being completed. Most of the area received between 1 and 2 in of rain.

### **CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little**

Harvesting Haylage and Dry Hay. Continuing with planting of corn and soybeans. Topdressing fields.

### **CENTRE County, Dick A Decker**

Week of light showers. Field work continued when conditions allowed. 1 inch rainfall in my gauge for the week.

### **ERIE County, Nancy Lewis**

Heavy downpours affected newly planted fields of corn, oats and soybeans causing water to pool. Winter damage due to below normal temperatures and May frost affected peach and cherry crops.

### **JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William Sheaffer**

Heavy rains again this week has limited the field activities. The crops on the poorly drained areas are showing signs of too much water. Hay making is behind schedule and decreasing in quality. Spraying and a limited amount of haylage making were accomplished.

### **LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill**

The county received anywhere from 2 inches to over 5 inches of rain. Some heavy causing erosion, especially in freshly worked soil. Rain was a real blessing for all crops especially tobacco. Expect second cutting of alfalfa in about 1 week. This coming week will see a lot of side dressing of corn and some post spraying of weedy corn and soybean fields.

### **LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler**

Much needed rain came in large amounts. Many areas of the county saw up to 3 inches. Hail was reported near Annville. Grass hay cutting was put on hold early in the week but resumed by the end of the week.

### **MERCER County, Jim Rust**

Rain and thunder storms are moving in from the west as I report this Monday morning. Crops are in need of rain. Strawberries started to be sold late last week in our area. Standing hay is past its prime.

### **MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield**

A good soaking rain for a few days early in the week followed by cloudy weather prevented field work for most of the week. By late in the week some spraying and side dressing of corn and planting resumed. Unsettled weather has prevented much if any dry hay from being made.

### **POTTER County, Nicole L. Santangelo**

Timely rain storms have kept us from drought... and caused a lot of hay to be bailed wet, or suffer quality as a result of rain. Overall conditions are relatively dry still.

### **WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega**

Cool weather early week, hot weather late week. Corn and beans progressing. Could use some rain. Hay making in progress.